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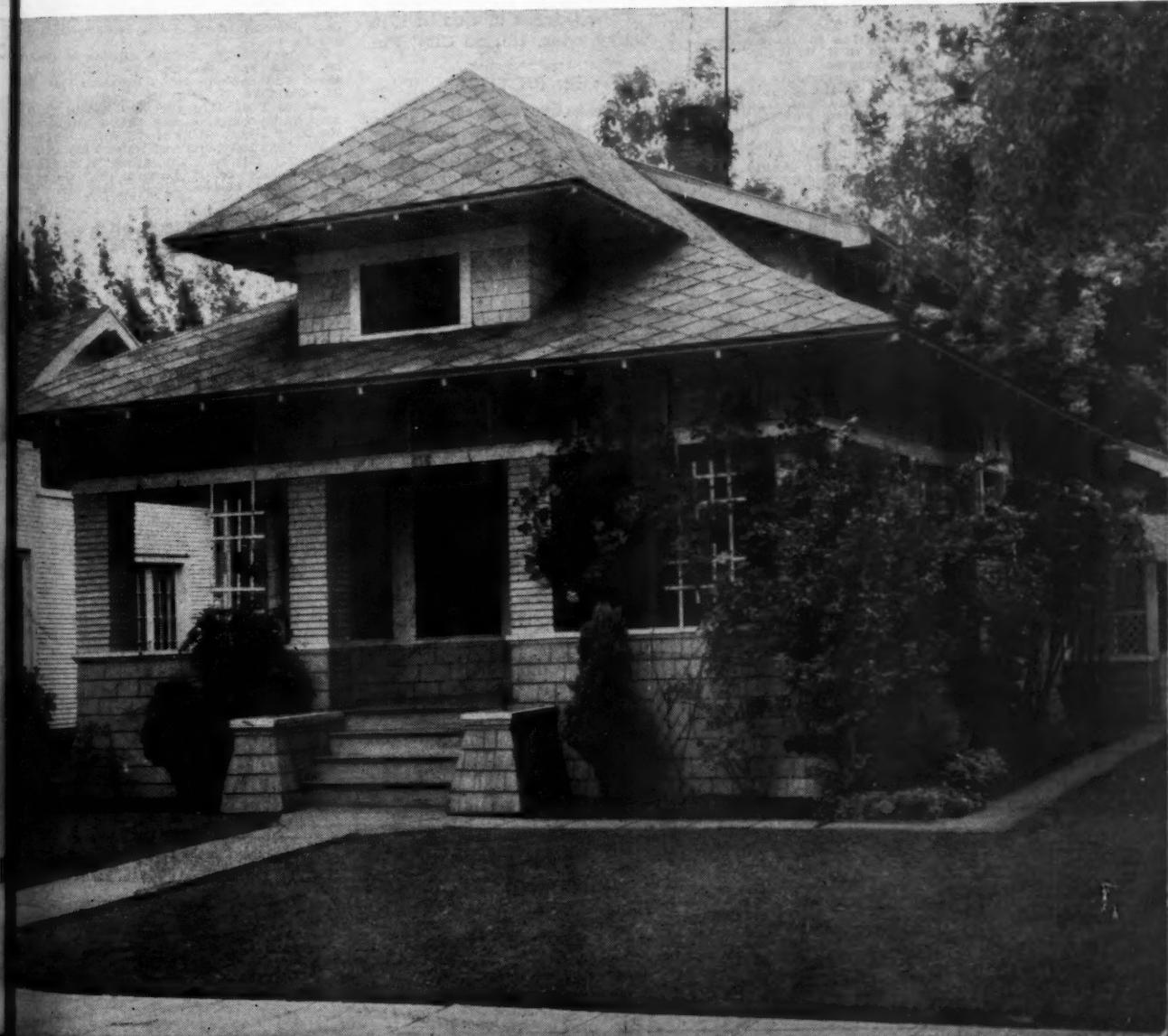
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"Precious in the sight of the Lord is the
death of his saints." Ps. 116:15.

CRISAFULLY

The Lord called Sister Wilma
Crisafully home to be with Him on the
night of April 23, 1949. She will be
greatly missed at her church by her
many friends. The writer, her pastor,
conducted the funeral, assisted by Rev.
M. LaMonica.—R. R. Holland, Pastor,
Cocoa, Fla.

PETERSON

Harriett Monzelle (Morris) Peterson
was born September 4, 1857, and de-
parted this life June 9, 1949. She leaves
to mourn her passing four daughters,
one son, twenty-one grandchildren,
twelve great-grandchildren, and one
great-great-grandchild. She became a
member of the Church of God in 1916.
—J. A. Self, Pastor, Haines City, Fla.

COVER PICTURE

Washington State Parsonage

The lovely bungalow on our front
cover is the state parsonage in Yak-
ima, Washington. It was purchased by

Rev. C. C. Rains when he served
Washington and Oregon as state over-
seer. Following him was Rev. Len
Johnson, and succeeding Bro. Johnson
was Rev. R. C. Muncy, who was also
overseer of Idaho. Brother E. R. is now overseer of Indiana.

REQUESTS for Prayer

PRAY FOR

My husband to be saved.—Mrs. H. E. R.
Loretto, Tenn.
God to heal my husband.—Estella M.
W. Palm Beach, Fla.

The healing of my body.—Ollie Morris,
Petersburg, Fla.

Mrs. Lillie Whittle and grandson to
healed: God to heal me; my unsaved
dren.—Mrs. W. O. Tucker, Whittle, Ky.

The healing of my body.—Sister Spauls,
Mt. Union, Pa.

My husband to be saved; God to heal
body.—A Sister, Newport, N. C.

The healing of my body.—Dobell Bar-
Jamaica, B. W. I.

A special unspoken request.—L. J. S.
Waiterboro, S. C.

Mrs. Lillie M. Brandys, 384 Hartman
Macon, Ga., who had two strokes
is a nervous wreck.—Mrs. Roscoe Lott, F.
gerald, Ga.

A boy who got burned almost to death
be saved and healed; my daughter to
saved and healed.—Della Bradford, 101 N.
St. Carlsbad, N. Mex.

Me, as I need prayer very much for
help and protection and that I might re-
the Holy Ghost.—Unknown, Birmingham,
Me, that the Lord will restore my eyes
is nearly out and the other in a bad
dition.—Mrs. M. F. Larsson, 920 Geyer
St. Louis 4, Mo.

Evangel Count for June

	Church Membership at Last Assembly	NORTH CAROLINA	1,665
ALABAMA	556	7,809	
ARIZONA	59	451	82
ARKANSAS	233	1,879	458
CALIFORNIA	556	1,562	350
COLORADO	23	86	36
CONNECTICUT	8	23	289
DELAWARE	43	176	1,582
FLORIDA	1,130	7,519	54
GEORGIA	1,793	9,107	1,858
ILLINOIS	401	2,215	298
INDIANA	236	981	3
IOWA	90	365	652
IDAHO	18	170	35
KANSAS	80	531	12
KENTUCKY	654	3,936	1,015
LOUISIANA	236	1,443	16
MAINE	53	229	4
MARYLAND	159	933	45
MASSACHUSETTS	8	32	28
MINNESOTA	19	77	258
MICHIGAN	369	1,324	42,1
MISSOURI	244	1,270	133,1
MISSISSIPPI	577	2,994	
MONTANA	46	163	
NEBRASKA	16	94	
NEVADA	2	529	
NEW MEXICO	36	86	
NEW JERSEY	27	96	
NEW YORK	53		
		TOTAL	16,465
		If we had one to every two members, we would have 66,576 subscriptions. Since we only have a subscription of 16,465, we need an increase of 50,111 subscriptions, order to come up to our decision of last Assembly. The question is, what are we going to do about it? The Lo- help us to do our best.	



EDITORIALS

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From the above figures, furnished by our printing foreman, Brother Lee Bell, it is easy to see that on basis of 18,000 subscriptions we are printing the *Evangel* at considerable loss to the Publishing House. If we were giving one to every two members (\$6,000), which is our goal, we would not only be blessing 38,000 more subscribers with our official Church organ, but we would realize several thousand dollars in profits that we so greatly need for the support of our Publishing House and Lee College.

I am giving you this information with the feeling that you will be of the same opinion that I am, and that is that this should not and must not continue! We must give to our official Church organ such support as to not make it self-sustaining but a paying publication for Publishing House. Can we depend on you? It is yours!

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Why Go to Church?

By Rev. Clyde H. Caraway, Pastor of
Shelbyville, Tenn., Church of God

With a sincere desire to help you find Biblical answers to the above question, I write this article. I shall use as my theme, "And Jesus Went to Church."

My text is found in St. Luke 4:16: "And he came to Nazareth where he had been brought up: and, as his custom was, he went into the synagogue on the sabbath day, and stood up for to read."

Jesus came to Nazareth, His home town, and, AS HIS CUSTOM WAS, He went into the synagogue on the Sabbath. Although the Temple in Jerusalem was the place to which every devout Jew looked, and toward which he prayed, the necessities of the Jewish people, during the captivity, led to the institution of the synagogue, or school of religion. In the time of Christ, the synagogue system was at the height of its prosperity.

Sacrifices were, of course, legal only in the Temple, but prayers were offered and the scriptures read and expounded in the synagogue. Jesus went into the synagogue to worship and teach men the truth. (See Luke 6:8.) According to the text, He did this every Sabbath, thereby leaving us an example to follow. We, as disciples of Christ, should enter into the house of the Lord regularly, to pray, to thank God, and to read and expound the Scriptures. So, Jesus endorsed public worship.

I should like to have gone with Jesus to church that day. To have heard Him read and explain the Holy Writ, and to have seen the expression on the faces of the people when He performed the miracle recorded in Luke 6:10, would have been glorious.

Even though it is impossible to call back time and visit this particular place of worship with Jesus, we are privileged to attend church, even now in our day, where the Lord Jesus is. It is glorious to go to church and to feel the presence of Christ in the midst of the congregation. In fact, a church without the presence of Christ is an empty church. Such a vacancy

cannot be filled with mere enthusiasm, created by overflowing crowds. The pews, though filled with men, are vacant without the Spirit of Christ. The pulpit that does not reflect Jesus is a powerless pulpit. There is the possibility of Jesus being on the outside of well filled churches, and a probability of Jesus being in the midst of His true followers even though their number is small. Matthew 18:20 says, "For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them."

"As his custom was, he went into the synagogue on the sabbath." Jesus had a regular habit of attending worship, although He knew far more than man could teach. Some today use as the excuse for not going to Sunday School and church this familiar phrase: "Why go to hear that preacher or teacher? I know what he's going to say before he gets half through. It's the same old story over and over."

I tell you, friend, our going to church involves something more than being taught. When we assemble ourselves in the house of the Lord, we receive an inspiration that is divine. In our communion with God, we are lifted up above the earthly and are made partakers of the heavenly.

Then, our Lord attended every Sabbath, although He knew that hypocrites would be there. Everybody is acquainted with those that won't go to church because of "those hypocrites" that are sure to be there. But, Jesus went just the same, on the Sabbath.

Whenever and wherever He went, something always happened. In this passage containing our text, Luke 4:16-30, we read that after He had finished reading and explaining the Scriptures, the people grew angry, being filled with wrath, and rose up and thrust Him out. Today there are some that leave church all aroused because the Holy Spirit has convicted them, through the reading of the Word of

God. And, some today thrust Him because of His strict teachings, many turn away when they hear say, "Strait is the gate and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it," Matthew 7:14.

If we lose Christ in our surroundings, we can go to church and find Him. Remember, Mary and Joseph had gone a day's journey from Jerusalem, the King Jesus was in their midst, and sought after Him and found Him according to Luke 2:45, they turned back to Jerusalem to seek Him, there they found Him in the Temple.

Many of our faithful members be found at church every time the church is lighted up; and otherwise, no telling where they would be found. Yes, "and Jesus went to the church," and on many occasions to one great and mighty miracles were performed. Go with Him to a synagogue in Capernaum and see Him cast out an unclean spirit. Go with Him to a Galilean synagogue and see the crippled arm made strong. Go with Jesus to another synagogue on the Sabbath and see the woman, bowed down with a spirit of infirmity for eighteen years healed completely.

I tell you, if these that were afflicted had not gone to church, then Jesus was there, they may never have met Him. And you, too, may meet this Saviour, Jesus Christ, unless you attend church. Jesus set the example, when He was on earth, on the flesh, for us to follow, and He example was "Jesus went to church at the

—From *Bedford County News*, Shelbyville, Tenn.

REVIVAL

APOLLO, Pa.—We have just had a wonderful revival at N. Apollo. Surely the Lord has been working a mighty miraculous way. The Lee witnessed His power by healing the bodies. The Holy Ghost gave witness to Himself, and He was received greatly.

There is a great love and interest among the people of this church. The Lee, Mrs. A. T. Hu... Schlue... Mrs. ... Anyone wishing to call on her while visiting Mrs. Jennie Townsend, N. Apollo,

I am still receiving calls and letters from people who have been willing to go any place the Lord leads them.—Your brother in Christ, Carlisle Butts, Madison, S. C.

ECHOES . . . from Lee College

LEE COLLEGE WILL GIVE \$100 SCHOLARSHIP AWARD

The Junior College Division of Lee College is giving a one-hundred-dollar scholarship to the boys and girls graduating from accredited high schools with the class scholarship honor of valedictorian or salutatorian.

The rules for receiving this scholarship are as follows:

The applicant must be either a member of the Church of God, be a member of a Church family, or be otherwise acquainted with our Church time that he or she can be recommended by the college by a local Church of would pastor.

The scholarship award is not limited to one person, but will be given to many qualified persons of good synagristian character as apply.

Qualified young people who are High school graduates should apply immediately. The award will be given with receipt of all application blanks the Sabbath filled for admission to the college, an official transcript from your high school, a statement from your principal certifying that you were either valedictorian or salutatorian of your class, and a certification may now your local pastor that you are a person of good character and worthy of this award.

The scholarship award will be applied on your freshman year at Lee College. It will be credited to your tuition at the rate of \$50 per semester, during the two semesters of the freshman year.

The scholarship will apply only to the term for which it has been awarded. Any part of the award which is not used during the two consecutive semesters for which it is awarded will be forfeited.

ON THE FIELD

President Brinsfield and Dean Tap have visited the state conventions in a number of the states and report much interest in the School.

The Lee College Quartet composed of A. T. Humphries, Walter Lauster, Schlueter, and Lewis Childers, Mrs. Humphries accompanying, visiting several states in the interest of the School. Many good reports have come from the field relative to their efforts. Thus far, they have visited Kentucky, Michigan,

Missouri, Texas, and Kansas.

The Glad Tidings Trio toured the State of South Carolina with the state youth director and state overseer. The purpose of the tour was to advertise the school, and Lee College rallies were held throughout the State. From there, the trio went with President Brinsfield to Pennsylvania for several youth rallies in the State. The trio is composed of Trudale Shelton, Evelyn Morris, and Dorcas Sharp, with Odine Morse accompanying.

NEW FACULTY MEMBERS By MRS. LEON GREEN

We are very happy to welcome to our teaching staff for the summer and the 1949-1950 term of school, Mr. and Mrs. C. Carroll Sherman.

Mr. Sherman, who is teaching mathematics in summer school and who, in addition to mathematics, will offer a new course in general astronomy in the fall term, is a graduate of John Fletcher College, now Kletzing College, located in University Park, Iowa. He took advanced work at William Penn College in Oskaloosa, Iowa, receiving his B.S. degree, and at the University of Iowa where he earned his M.S. degree. While at the University of Iowa, he served as Research Assistant in Astronomy. In 1929-1930, he was a "Milton Fellow" at Harvard University.

Mrs. Meta H. Sherman, his wife, who will head the piano department here next year, is a graduate of the Cincinnati Conservatory of Music, where she received both her B.M. and M.M. degrees. Mrs. Sherman has also studied at the Juilliard School of Music, Cadek Conservatory of Music, American School of Music, and Chicago Musical College. She has been a student of Roy Lamont Smith, Severin Eisenberger, Muriel Kerr, George Ackley Brower, and Carl Hugo Grimm, all outstanding teachers. Mrs. Sherman is teaching, in addition to piano, voice and organ.

Mr. and Mrs. Sherman are not only well-qualified in their respective fields, but both of them have a record of successful teaching experience. They come to us from Bob Jones University, and we are very happy to have them continue their work in Christian education with us.

We have also been favored this

summer by having on our summer school staff one of America's foremost leaders of Christian evangelical education, Dr. Clarence H. Benson. Dr. Benson is a graduate of the University of Minnesota and Princeton Theological Seminary, and has taught in the most outstanding Christian colleges and institutions in the Nation. He has delighted his students with his very practical down-to-earth approach to Christian education. It is always inspiring to sit under a master teacher such as Dr. Benson.

Mr. R. H. Gause has come back home this summer and plans to stay with us this time, having completed his B.D. degree at Columbia Theological Seminary, in June. Those of you who were in school during the 1947-1948 term will remember him. He now has Mrs. Gause and one little "gausing" with him.

Mr. A. E. Clabo, the assistant principal of Bradley High School, here in Cleveland, is with us again this summer, teaching mathematics and ancient history. Mr. Clabo is not new to Lee College. He helped us year before last when we were short a teacher in mathematics.

FIRST IN NATION Lee College Regional Rallies Great Success

The six regional meetings, which were held in behalf of Lee College in South Carolina, are now in history. We feel that these services have proved and will prove to be invaluable to the churches of our State and also to Lee College. To our knowledge, these rallies were the first of their kind in the Nation. The party consisted of the Lee College Trio (Trudale Shelton, Dorcas Sharp, and Evelyn Morris), their pianist—Odine Morse; Rev. and Mrs. Houston R. Morehead, state overseer and his wife; and Rev. and Mrs. Brady Dennis, state youth director and his wife. During the services, pictures of Lee College were shown, as well as pictures of last year's state camp meeting.

The special speakers of the meetings were: Rev. Earl P. Paulk, pastor, S. Greenville, S. C.; Rev. Charles W. Conn, Editor of The LIGHTED PATHWAY; Rev. J. Stewart Brinsfield, President of Lee College; and Rev. Houston R.

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Foreign Missions

All the World—
Every Creature

J. H. WALKER
Executive Missions Secretary

RETURNING THE GOSPEL LIGHT

By D. B. Hatfield, Limassol, Cyprus

Shall people be left to sit in darkness today because their forefathers had the gospel centuries ago?

Lying around the blue waters of the Mediterranean Sea and adjacent lands there is a vast territory in which more than four hundred million people are still groping about in a spiritual darkness similar to that of the Dark Ages. They are waiting for some one to return the torchlight of the gospel, which was lost centuries ago through Catholicism. Since the second and seventh centuries, Catholicism and Mohammedanism have wielded a powerful influence over the people of this area and have held them bound and blinded to the truth until even now real Christianity is scarcely known.

This is a field that should be near every Christian's heart because of its sacred, Biblical background and as the mother region that cradled humanity in its early ages.

Here we have the land where our Lord spent His earthly ministry, suffered and died for our sins, and arose for our justification. This was once the earnest field of devoted missionary activity carried on by the early Church, when they enthusiastically and zealously extended their missionary effort so as to reach the people and lands of all the known world at that time. "The gospel has been preached in all the world," were the words of the apostle Paul.

Asia, Europe, and Africa heard the gospel before the closing days of the Apostolic Age. John Mark preached it in Egypt and later died a martyr there for the gospel's sake. But his efforts were later rewarded when the whole country embraced Christianity because of the message he had preached to them. So all the good that we are able to do now is not always rewarded in our lifetime.

Others, we are told, ventured on into the more interior parts of Africa. Thomas went as far as India, where his name is esteemed until this day. Peter went as far east as Babylon and as far west as Rome. Paul covered an extensive part of the world in his missionary tours. It is said that Paul was preaching in the islands that are now the territory of Great Britain when the emperor Nero called him back to Rome.

Now the time has come that this part of the world, which is to be the center of His kingdom and universal rule, should hear the gospel again. Surely, God will hold us responsible if we do not do our best to get the gospel back to the land of those who first gave it to us. Everything in our day points to His soon coming, and we must not fail to warn those that sit in darkness to be ready.

Since the days of Martin Luther, when he dared to take up the torch again that had smoldered for many centuries under the dominating rule of the Church of Rome, and fanned it anew into a burning flame with his belief in justification by faith, this gospel has continued its way around the world. Though, in the Dark Ages it suffered a setback in its world tour, it never ceased to burn in the hearts of a remnant. These have kept the light shining in dark corners, and one day it reached the "Land of the

Free" far away. The gospel has always given light to those in darkness when some one dare to preach it.

Europe has had many sweetest revivals, which spread over the continent like forest fires, by such dynamic preachers as Moody, the Waco, and F. D. Lyleys, the Whitefields, and others. Later crossed the Atlantic and went to America with their burning message. But since God poured out His people in Los Angeles, Calif., at the turn of the century, and the lamp of many were filled with the oil of darkness, America has not ceased to hold the torchlight of the gospel to the light of His love to many regions and dark parts of the world. God holds the torchlight of the gospel to day, and the whole world is longing to her to send the light. Shall we remember those who remembered first with the gospel?

Today the Church of God is known in six countries of the Middle East. Besides our work in Egypt, Palestine, and North Africa, we have representation for the Church in the Soviet Union, and the Kingdom of Abyssinia, and Ethiopia. While waiting to go on to Palestine, we are preaching the gospel to the Greeks of Cyprus. Cyprus is the native country of Barnabas and is the first foreign on which Paul and Barnabas set on their first missionary tour as they were called to the mission by the Lord and sent forth by Antioch Church.

During our nineteen months in Egypt, God gave us nearly hundred conversions and additional hundred that received the Holy Ghost. Our churches there have been in revivals recently, and in many places forty and fifty have been converted and received the Holy Spirit. We were able to secure some new church buildings while there and left other with plans on hand to build, but



difficult for our people in Egypt to finance the building of churches. However, suitable and permanent places to worship represents the sweetest need of the work there. We have a new church in the city of Cairo, which we started ten months ago, and it is bidding fair toward becoming one of the most prosperous and successful Pentecostal works there.

Our work in the Sudan is composed of people who came from that country to visit Egypt including a very prominent man, and while there they were saved in our services, and some received the Holy Ghost. They became members of the Church of God and have returned to their country to tell others about the message of His love.

On farther south, in the Kingdom of Abyssinia, which is the land of Ethiopia, the country from which a long time ago there came a certain nobleman and treasurer of the queen of that land. He traveled a distance of 1,000 miles to worship in the Temple at Jerusalem, and on returning was met by Philip, the evangelist, who preached Christ to him, and when he believed, was baptized by Philip and went on his way rejoicing. He, no doubt, told his experience to members of the royal family in that day and led others to accept Christ. Now, in our day, the Church of God is again represented in Ethiopia by a member of the royal family. A few years ago, when the kingdom changed hands and the country was in much trouble, a man of noble rank and a member of the royal family fled from his country and took refuge in Egypt. After a while he heard of the Church of God and was converted, received the Holy Ghost, and became a member of the Church. After hearing, last year, that he could be safe in his own land again, he returned and will present Christ to his own people as a member of the Church of God. I hope to go there sometime and, with him, tell the sweet story of Jesus to his people.

For many years we have had eager longings to see the Church of God established in Jerusalem, as well as other cities of the Holy Land. We have recently had encouraging commitments from the Israeli Government regarding our coming there to take up our work. After leaving Egypt in May, via Cyprus, where we left the family and went alone to Palestine to investigate the possibilities of our

returning there, God led us from one important contact to another. Among our visits and contacts, we were invited to attend a special occasion at the home of the mayor of Jerusalem. Here I met with government officials with whom I discussed our returning to settle down in Jerusalem to take up our work there. I was given assurances by these men that I would have complete freedom to return and to operate my church work inside the new state of Israel.

While in Jerusalem we contracted for the renting of a beautiful little church building, located in one of the most suitable residential sections. Though no money has been appropriated for the rent of this building, we acted in faith. The way is open, also, for us to begin work in Bethlehem. We secured a permit, which is not an easy thing to get, and crossed the Jewish-Arab lines, over "No Man's Land" to the Arab side, and went to Bethlehem. There we visited the home of the Suleimans and held two services with them. In one of these services a woman of a prominent family there was converted. There are several Pentecostal people living in Bethlehem, but they have no place

of worship.

I firmly believe the call of God still rings out as clearly to the Church today to send the gospel to the Middle East as it did to Paul the night the man stood beside his bed and said, "Come over into Macedonia and help us."

We shall appreciate the prayers and interest of our people and friends for the work in this field.

ECHOES FROM LEE COLLEGE

(Continued from page 5)

Morehead, state overseer, who is also a member of the Lee College School Board.

The services were in charge of Rev. Morehead and Rev. Dennis. Rev. Dennis is also president of the Lee College Alumni Association.

The meetings were well attended, and in most places the buildings were filled to capacity.

We feel that through the efforts put forth in these services, there will be a fine number of students to enroll in Lee College.

SOUTH CAROLINA'S GOAL IS ONE HUNDRED STUDENTS FOR LEE COLLEGE FOR THE FALL TERM OF SCHOOL.—*The South Carolina News.*

PLAN NOW TO ATTEND THE

SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONAL YOUTH CONGRESS

August 23-26, Municipal Auditorium, Coffeyville, Kansas

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Text: James 5:16, "Confess your faults one to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be healed. The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much."

By Rev. Jackson

At the outset may I say that I am a firm believer in confessing our faults one to another. To speak frankly the paramount need in the spiritual ranks of today is more of the old-fashioned agonizing, contending, tear-stained saints and ministers who will pray through to victory. We can hardly deny the fact that we are living in an age of spiritual apathy and coldness. There seems to be a lack of something that grips us like a vise and holds us fast. This is certainly a sure sign that we need a *revival*, a *renewal* and *reanimation*. How many are being saved is our meetings? How many are praying and tarrying until? Think of it, fellow minister. How many have we led to Christ in the past five years? Does it not cause us to stop and think? Is there no remedy? Must we complacently sit and let things ride as they are? What can we do?

In studying *revivals*, Biblically and historically, we notice that in every one of any significance, God's people were in a terribly cold and indifferent condition, yea, often in open rebellion, to Him. But God in His faithfulness and love for disobedient, gainsaying and backslidden people, moved upon some person or persons, and as a result of obedience unto prayer, God granted His people a spiritual awakening that set them free from the bonds of lethargy. Often God had to resort to stern measure to break the spell of carelessness that had crept over believers. Men often become thoughtful when there is adversity staring them in the face and no way of getting out of it. We see this so often in God's dealings with the Israelites. Again and again it seems that God speaks to His people with verse fourteen of 2 Chronicles 7, "If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land."

Present day memoirs attest to the fact, also, that God uses stern meas-

ures to bring this verse to pass. In six minutes sixty thousand people perished in the great Lisbon earthquake of Nov. 1, 1755. It appears to have put both the theologians and philosophers on the defensive. Half the world felt the convulsion. For many weeks, as we see in the letters and memoirs of that time, people in distant parts of Europe went to bed in alarm and were relieved in the morning to find that they had escaped the fate of Lisbon one night more. Just at that time, plans were under way for the opening of a theatre at Lausanne for the special performance of some of Voltaire's rationalistic dramas. But the enterprise was deferred. One writer says: "*The earthquake had made all men thoughtful.*" They mistrusted their love for the drama, and filled the churches instead. The effects of the earthquake were distributed over nearly four millions of square miles of the earth's surface and greatly surpassed anything of the kind ever recorded in history."

Think of the propensities of the atomic bomb. One bomb dropped on Hiroshima killed seventy thousand people outright. Should this not make the world more God conscious? We do not feel that God is responsible for the *atomic bomb* devastation, but we do believe that God allows the ingenious devices of man to work out His own purposes and plans.

Some have become very fervent in distresses like this, but we are not surely going to wait for such drastic measures to bring us to time. We feel there is a better way to get results among us all. *Every spiritual awakening is born and cradled in prayer.* It seems, as we study the Word, that it is an unalterable law that when we become fervent in *prayer*, the windows of heaven automatically swing open and emit the divine effulgence of His glory in pulsating waves of conviction and blessing. There are many truths to be remembered in this most valuable weapon. It is the weapon that is not merely something *supplemental*, but vitally

fundamental, an absolute necessity, and prayer must in the Christian makeup against alarm and spiritual decadence.

Why do we have weak, deformed Christians, who never seem to mature into staunch full-fledged warriors of the cross? Could it be that they have failed to eat enough *Spiritual Vitamins*? Let us not forget the regard to Christian life is a battle that demands attention especially in the prayer line, for *prayer is definitely the church's conflict*. Think of Daniel's prayer fully able to the tenth chapter. He contended for three whole weeks in prayer and a life of abstemious living. What had delayed Satan and the answer? *The conflict of spirit entrenched forces.* When the angel came to barred gate Daniel's rescue, he gave forth these words: "Fear not Daniel; for from the church, and first day that thou didst set thine heart to understand, and to chasten thyself before God, thy words were heard, and I am come for thy words were never organed." And now notice, "But the prince of the kingdom of Persia withstood me for one and twenty days; but lo, Michael the Brethren, one of the chief princes, came to me offensive; me too long."

One writer has stated: Prayer over into us usually thought of as a communion of man to God and moving in a perpendicular line between earth and heaven. But it is a three-cornered thing, involving man, Satan, and God. Yes, Satan interferes. Daniel's prayer was heard at once. No fault of his; whatever the answer did not come sooner. His life was without blame.

Notice some of Paul's words in regard to our spiritual warfare. 2 Cor. 10:3-5: "For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war after the fleshly arm for the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to overcome all. Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exaltheith the dragon; and against the knowledge of God all angels, bringing into captivity every thought as their to the obedience of Christ." Some heaven. And has well said, "Satan dreads nothing cast out into like prayer." The weakest saint angels were on his knees causes him to tremble and hear a Lifeless sermons, surface Bible studies. Now is com-

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and prayerless religion is no cause for alarm to Satan. But just let God's people become importunate, warm-hearted, and fervent, then the conflict ensues.

The foe of spiritual decadence is in an offensive warfare. Too often the modern version of Jesus' words in regard to the church, where He says, "The gates of hell shall not prevail against it," is to the effect that the church is on the defensive and barely able to exist under the terrific onslaughts of opposing forces. The true idea of the oriental imagery is that Satan and his hosts, though firmly entrenched behind thick walls and barred gates hard to penetrate, are then vulnerable to the attacks of the church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against the church. Hallelujah? Are not these the words of Him who has never lost a battle, never organized an army, yet conquered more millions than all the generals of the world combined?

Brother Brethren, it's high time we took the offensive; we've been on the defensive too long. Let's take the battle over into the enemies' battleground. We have all heard of General Patton and his mechanized forces during the last war. He was a hard-driving, fearless leader, whose constant battle cry was, "Attack! Attack! Attack!" We need hardly remind you that on whatever front he fought he won victory after victory, and gained one objective after another. The saint in may not realize it, but each time he says he is actually taking the offensive and enlisting on the side of the holy angels, who will have war with Satan eventually in heaven and overcome him. Rev. 12:7-12, "And there was war in heaven: Michael and His angels fought against the dragon; and the dragon fought and his angels. And prevailed not; neither was their place found anymore in heaven. And the great dragon was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him. And I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, Now is come salvation and strength,

and the kingdom of our God, the power of his Christ; for the accuser of our brethren is cast down, which accused them before our God day and night. *And they overcame him* by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony; and they loved not their lives unto the death. Therefore rejoice, ye heavens and ye that dwell in them. Woe to the inhabitants of the earth and of the sea! for the devil is come down unto you, having great wrath, because he knoweth that he hath but a short time."

Be sure, you cannot argue or threaten the enemy of your soul down, but you can resist him in the medium of prayer. When Daniel was in such agony in prayer on earth, a conflict raged in heaven amidst spiritual forces. The angel had to overcome these to bring victory. So, brethren, STAY ON THE OFFENSIVE. Keep hammering at the gates.

This most powerful weapon is something the church cannot live without. Paul says, "Pray without ceasing." If it were not important, he undoubtedly would never have said what he did.

What is going to stem the tide of infidelity and atheism, which is sweeping like a tidal wave all over the world, and through our colleges and universities, with thousands of our young people being engulfed by modern thought? A rush for pleasure increases in momentum each day, in the ranks of young and old. Vast multitudes have given up all thought of God and spiritual things. What will awaken and arouse us from this alarming condition? Will church programs, socials, supporters, and entertainments by decadent religionists bring back a God consciousness to a slumbering world?

What has brought a world-wide awakening in the past? In 1855 came the news of the great American awakening. They heard how in New York, twelve thousand businessmen met daily for prayer, and, like Jacob, they cried, 'We will not let Thee go, except Thou bless us.' Nor was the answer delayed. Prayer meetings multiplied all around them. Daily conversions took place. Soon Connor was

manifestly ablaze with Holy fire." (from *Great Revivals in Wales*.)

Think of the Torrey Alexander meeting in Australia, in the early part of the century. When they reached Melbourne, they found that seventeen hundred cottage prayer meetings had been held weekly for some time previously, to intercede for an outpouring. No wonder the fire fell! Thousands flocked to the meetings, with thousands of decisions. Over one hundred thousand persons were won to Christ in America, Britain, and Australia with this evangelistic team. They tell us that busses and trains resounded with gospel hymns, and errand boys whistled the revival melodies as they made their rounds. What was it that brought these tremendous results? It was the *prayer circle*. It is thought that the influence of these meetings was responsible in no small measure for the outbreak of the Welsh revival in 1904-5. In this great revival, it is claimed, over seventy thousand professed faith in Jesus Christ. It swept out to sea, touched the men on board ship; ere they touched land many had made it right with God. Did you know that the climax of the list of armor given in Ephesians 6 is "Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints"?

It is an absolute essential in the Christian makeup. It is the only sure way of winning people to the Lord. A Christian cannot live without it, nor can a church flourish or progress. The victorious Christian is the one who has overcome Satan in his own life, and has power to attack him in behalf of others. Rest assured you will not be unharmed, for Satan will attack you in your personal makeup—soul, spirit and body.

Possibly he attacks our flesh a bit oftener. Prayer requires a great deal of physical energy. Satan very cunningly appeals to the sense of feeling. Oh, how tired he makes us feel. Our eyes begin to close. We become drowsy and sleepy. The knees begin to ache. A dizzy sensation creeps

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State Activities . . .

INDIANA STATE CAMP MEETING AND CONVENTION

Our third annual camp meeting and convention, held on the campground seven and one half miles southwest of Indianapolis, Indiana, on State Highway 67, under a 40 by 80 foot tent, under the leadership of our esteemed state overseer, Rev. C. C. Rains, surpassed any we have had. We had a large, new, cement platform for the choir and pulpit. This



Rev. C. C. Rains

platform is to become a part of the proposed new tabernacle, which is to be built on the grounds. The tent was seated with about 500 steel folding chairs.

The young people of our state are assuming the responsibility of building two rest rooms, which will be equipped with lavatories, showers, and mirrors. The Y. P. E. is doing a splendid work and deserves the cooperation of every adult in the State of Indiana.

Brother Robertson has made a great contribution to the State by the efforts he put forth in raising money and helping to establish new churches. A great missionary spirit prevailed throughout all of the services. The very presence of the Holy Ghost was present from the first to the last service. A melting down and weeping accompanied some of the services. One evangelistic service con-

tinued from 7:30 p.m. until 4:00 a.m. Nine were saved, seven sanctified, and seven baptized with the Holy Ghost. This and many other good things were accomplished, we believe, as the result of prayer and fasting, which, we observe, was more adhered to than in any state meeting we have ever attended. Many went away more deeply consecrated than when they arrived at the campgrounds. At least twenty-five reported definite healings for their bodies. Among those healed were an ex-nurse, who had what physicians said was an ear infection, for twenty years. One brother, who had a large tumor on his jaw and testified that under exertion he felt a burning down as far as his chest, was healed instantly. A lady contacted pneumonia while on the grounds, but was healed. Six were baptized in water and three united with the church.

Among others that made valuable contributions to the success of our meetings were Rev. Howard D. Statum, of Jacksonville, Alabama, who is a very able camp meeting evange-

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over you. A numbness comes on, etc. Has Satan appealed to you in these manners? If he hasn't, you are either an extraordinary being or you have gotten complete victory over them. Because of these appeals, many have lost the victory. Then he appeals to our spirit and soul by raising intellectual doubts and fears. If it can't be explained to the mind's satisfaction, then it's bordering on the fanatical: "We just can't see it. We just can't understand it. And until we do, we'll just have nothing to do with it." Listen, brethren, that's just how Satan would like to have us feel. There are many things in the natural I don't understand, either; do you? Electricity is one thing. Even Edison, who experimented with it considerably, said he did not know whether it was a substance or a force. We do not understand it, yet we do not dispense with it either. We don't understand how God can save a wicked, blaspheming murderous soul and

list; our esteemed General Overseer H. L. Chesser; Rev. E. M. Tapley, Dean of Lee College; Rev. Wm. J. Dych, Superintendent of the Orphanage; Rev. W. H. Ward, of South Carolina; and Rev. V. B. Rains, pastor of Eldorado, Illinois. Brother Ward conducted a class in music each day and Brother Harold B. Thompson, one of our local pastors, gave instruction in choir directing.

Sisters Morehead and Brewer are to be highly commended for the work among the children; also Brother Ary and wife and Brother Combs and wife, who labored faithfully in the cafeteria. These good folks made a sacrifice in order to carry on this phase of the work.

Forty different people took part in the special singing. Some sang specials in a number of the services. The entertainment committee, finance committee, watchmen, usher electricians, and all did a splendid work. Our L.W.W.B., under the leadership of our capable state president Sister Morehead, gave some encouraging reports. The work in every department in the State seems to be on the upgrade.

We ask an interest in the prayer of everyone that greater success will be ours during this year.—John Martin, Convention Clerk.

change his wicked life, but we know He does it. Hallelujah! And that makes me willing to accept it. We do not know just how God works through prayer, but we know He does for we have seen the results. The God who heard and answered the prayers of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob still hears and answers prayer in this modern age of so much intellectual unbelief.

The last thought is this: Prayer is fought more and discouraged more than any other weapon, by Satan. Possibly one of his chief methods is to hinder the answer. Our natural tendencies are such that we demand immediate answers to our praying, and if it's not forthcoming, we become easily discouraged. We have skeptics and doubters in our ranks today for no other reason than this. Some have prayed for years for the baptism, for unsaved loved ones, for healing, for revivals and yet no answer. In time a question mark arises in their minds: Is there any use? Will it ever come?

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Prepare to Meet Thy God

By Layman J. J. Burnside, 901 Fifth Avenue, N. Lewistown, Montana

Never, since the days of Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden, have the above five little words been more applicable to, or of such great importance and significance, or more challenging and demanding of any generation than the present one. Never, since the dawn of civilization, have such dire and calamitous conditions faced the entire world as face it at this moment. Nearly two thousand years ago came John the Baptist as the voice of one crying in the wilderness, "Prepare ye the way of the Lord." If that same John the Baptist could return to earth today on another mission, I have no doubt but what that mission would be to cry, "Prepare to meet thy God."

There is no doubt that we are much closer to the final windup of this dispensation than the majority of people believe. There have been more Bible prophecies fulfilled in the last fifty years than in all the years since Jesus ascended to heaven. Today, there is little more to be fulfilled before this dispensation, or "The times of the Gentiles," comes to a close, when Jesus is to triumphantly return to earth with "great power and glory" to receive His own unto Himself.

In 1 Thess. 4:16, 17, we read, "For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord." What a wonderful, joyful, meeting that will be! But only those who are "prepared to meet their God" will have a part in that meeting. The unprepared will meet a far different fate. That will be the beginning of Jesus' millennial reign.

How close are we to it? Let's search the Scriptures to see if we can find any of God's inspired words that will help to answer that question. In Matt. 24:37, we read, "But as the days of Noah were, so shall also the coming of the Son of man be." Let's go back to Noah's time and see how it was in that day. Going back to Gen. 6:5-7,

God's Word says, "And God saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually. And it repented the Lord that he had made man on the earth, and it grieved him at his heart. And the Lord said, I will destroy man whom I have created from the face of the earth; both man, and beast, and the creeping thing, and the fowls of the air; for it repenteth me that I have made them." They must have been very wicked to make the Lord repent that He had made them.

But Noah was a just, good man and walked with God and found favor with Him. Noah and his wife and his three sons and their wives were all of the human race, up to that time, that were worthy to be saved in the ark.

I wonder if it doesn't grieve the Lord God far more than it did in Noah's time, when He looks over the world and beholds the awful sinfulness, wickedness, crime, and abomination among nations on earth. That must be a hundredfold worse than in Noah's time, and our own country, which claims to be Christianized and civilized, leading the parade of them all in crime and wickedness.

Again in Matt. 24:38, 39, Jesus says of Noah's time, "For as in the days that were before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noe entered into the ark, and knew not until the flood came, and took them all away; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be." Today they are eating, drinking, boozing, carousing, smoking, gambling, and dancing, and the women and girls are doing their share of all this. They are not only marrying and giving in marriage but flooding the divorce courts and remarrying, committing adultery and fornication. Wicked! Look around and see what's going on. In Matt. 24:6, 7, Jesus says, "And ye shall hear of wars and rumors of wars: see that ye be not troubled: for all these things must come to pass, but the end is not yet. For nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom: and there

shall be famines, and pestilences, and earthquakes, in divers places." Need I ask you whether the above scripture has been literally fulfilled the past fifty years? Here are some of the things Jesus said would come to pass in the last days just before "the times of the Gentiles" are fulfilled: "And upon the earth distress of nations, with perplexity . . . Men's hearts failing them for fear, and for looking after those things which are coming on the earth." There shall be distress, tribulations, and afflictions, such as never were before. If you are keeping posted on the daily news around the world, I don't need to tell you the above statements are being fulfilled daily. Never was there greater distress and perplexities among the nations of the world, nor men's hearts failing them more, because of what is happening on the earth.

The last and most important events to come to pass immediately before the appearing of our blessed Lord in the clouds are: St. Mark 13:24-27, "But in those days, after that tribulation, the sun shall be darkened, and the moon shall not give her light, and the stars of heaven shall fall, and the powers that are in heaven shall be shaken. And then shall they see the Son of man coming in the clouds with great power and glory. And then he shall send his angels, and shall gather together his elect from the four winds, from the uttermost part of the earth to the uttermost part of heaven." I say to those who are unsaved, if you want to be one of His elect and want to be gathered with that great throng of the redeemed, you had better start preparing to meet thy God. Just how close we are to that dramatic final windup, no man knows. But the 29th verse says, "So ye in like manner, when ye shall see these things come to pass, know that it is nigh, even at the doors." And the 32d verse tells us, "But of that day and that hour knoweth no man, no, not the angels which are in heaven, neither the Son, but the Father." So watch and pray that you may be prepared, lest, coming sud-

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... Divinely Healed ...

A GREAT HEALING REVIVAL

WICHITA, Kans.—Great healings and miracles are still happening today. Rev. E. Harrison, of Porterville, Calif., has the wonderful gift of healing. Reverend Harrison, of the Church of God, came to Wichita, Kans., and



Rev. E. Harrison

conducted an old-fashioned Holy Ghost revival. Below are some of the testimonies of what God did for people who attended the revival.

Sister Jenks of Hutchinson, Kans., testifies that God healed her.

Sister Julia E. Taylor, of Wichita, Kans., testifies of being healed of nervous trouble; also, her eyes and ears were healed.

Rev. J. I. Adkins, pastor of the Church of God at Hutchinson, Kans., testifies of being healed of ulcerated stomach.

Brother Everett Elliot, of Wichita, Kans., testifies that God restored his hearing.

Brother F. E. Lindeman, of Wichita, Kans., testifies that God completely healed him of a cancer.

Mrs. C. C. Bass gives a wonderful testimony. Her child was born a cripple; had never walked or talked; couldn't even sit alone. After the child was taken through the prayer line, she later straightened her legs and can now stand alone. Later the report came that the child was walking.

Sister J. I. Adkins, of Hutchinson, Kans., testifies that God touched her.

Brother Harrison, the evangelist, is

a wonderful speaker and is able, with the anointing he has from God, to bless any congregation with his uplifting messages. The congregation steadily grew from the first until the last of the revival. The estimated crowd was approximately eight or nine hundred.—J. L. Jones, 2223 McCormick St.

ORANGE PARK, Fla.—Nine years ago I had some teeth pulled. I began to hemorrhage at the gums and nothing we did would stop it. Six doctors gave me up to die. At midnight one night God took over and told me I must live, that there was work to do. I was healed and they sent me home. The doctor told me never to have another tooth pulled or I would bleed to death. This past year my teeth started hurting. I wrote to Brother Rouse for an anointed cloth and when the cloth came, I felt the healing virtue go over me. I had every tooth extracted within about six weeks and God blessed all through it. This is to prove that the day of miracles is not over. There is power in secret prayer and Jesus paid for our healing in Pilate's hall.—Gladys Cherry.

LAVONIA, Ga.—I praise the Lord for His healing power. I hurt my back five days ago. The pains hurt me severely and got so bad I couldn't straighten up. We prayed and laid the *Evangel* on me and the Lord wonderfully healed me.—Crawford Roberson.

CHOCTAW, Okla.—I praise God for healing my two sons, one of the ear-ache, and the other of a broken finger. Praise His dear name!—Mrs. Beulah Canon.

BAXLEY, Ga.—I praise the Lord for salvation. I praise Him for healing my baby daughter when she was seriously sick. I also praise Him for healing me of indigestion.—Mrs. Lewis Hewett.

TARIFF, W. Va.—I praise God for healing me of a severe pain in my right lung. I placed the *Evangel* on my chest and in a few minutes the pain was gone. I praise the Lord for His healing power.—Claude Hall.

NEWBERRY, Fla.—On February 21 my baby sat down in a bucket of scalding water and then turned it over on her. She was scalded and great pieces of flesh peeled off. The people came to pray for her, and she was healed. I praise Him for this.—Mrs. R. J. Wetherington.

LORETO, Tenn.—I praise the Lord for what He has done for me. I promised Him if He would heal me of kidney trouble and my mother of heart trouble I would testify of it. He has helped us. Pray for the complete healing of our bodies.—Mrs. V. R. Hanson.

STARKVILLE, Miss.—I promised the Lord I would testify of it if He would touch my little girl's body, and He did. I praise Him for it.—Mrs. Marvin Ponder.

HIGDEN, Ark.—I was suffering with my knees and lower limbs. They would swell and give me pain. I promised the Lord if He would heal me I would write a testimony to the *Evangel*. The next morning I was better and I am still some better. Please pray for me.—Sallie Bailey.

HENAGAR, Ala.—I praise the Lord for healing my little girl of intestinal flu, and my two-week old baby of pneumonia. I also praise Him for healing me when I was in a serious condition. I praise Him for His healing power and because the Ghost still abides.—Mildred Roden.

GOLDSBORO, N. C.—I praise the Lord for His love and goodness to me and my home. I praise Him for healing our baby when he fell off the bed and it looked like life was going to leave his body. I asked God to heal him and he was healed instantly.—Mrs. J. B. McLendon.

MILLEN, Ga.—I praise the Lord for healing my little three-year-old boy of Bright's disease. He was swollen so he could hardly see and his stomach looked like it would burst. Two doctors said there wasn't any chance for him, but the Lord touched his body and he is well now. I also praise God for healing him of a bad cold.—Mrs. L. C. Williams.

TYLER, Mo.—I praise Jesus for victory through His precious blood. I thank God for healing me of flu about two weeks ago. Pray for me.—J. A. Lumsden.

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THE CHURCH OF GOD EVANGEL

••• REVIVALS •••

MARYVILLE, Tenn.—We praise the Lord for the good revival that has just been held at Mountain View Church of God, with Rev. Jack Truett doing the preaching.

Brother Truett did some real old-time preaching from night to night, under the anointing of the Holy Ghost. Sixteen were saved, thirteen baptized in water, and four added to the church. We feel that the church has been wonderfully blessed by this revival.—Mrs. Ray Guy, Clerk.

HUTCHINSON, Kans.—We praise God for the wonderful revival here which was conducted by Brother Hall. Six souls were saved, a number sanctified, two baptized with the Holy Ghost, and twelve added to the church. Pray that the revival will continue in our hearts.—Clara Jenks, Reporter.

MOUNT AIRY, N. C.—We have just had a wonderful revival, with Brother Thomas Grassano as the evangelist. Fifteen were saved, eight sanctified, seven filled with the Holy Ghost, and three added to the church. Brother and Sister Grassano were a blessing to our church and we thank God for them and also for our good pastor, Brother J. H. Daniels.—Mrs. C. E. Fallon.

BAINBRIDGE, Ga.—We praise God for the two-week revival just closed here. Twenty-two were saved, six sanctified, seven baptized with the Holy Ghost, and some wonderfully healed. One man came to church on crutches who hadn't walked for five months. The Lord healed him and he went out of the church carrying the crutches. Pray much for us here.—Mrs. D. M. Griffin.

GREER, S. C.—We praise the Lord for the light that the Church of God is letting shine throughout the world. About nine weeks ago Brother Grover Cannon and Brother P. W. Edwards began a revival in an 18x20 garage building at the home of Brother A. Southern in the O'Neal community above Greer. There was a three weeks' revival, in which several were blessed. Then after about a week's rest they started another revival which ran two

weeks, and a Sunday School was started with seventy the first Sunday. About a week later, Brother Edgar of Greenville, came over and organized a new church with nineteen charter members. Pray for the O'Neal Church of God that the Lord will bless us and help us get a building in which to worship.—Mrs. C. E. Mosteller.

ONE-MINUTE SERMON

THE POWER OF TEN

Faith mounts high in the midst of faith. A great congregation can inspire a preacher to speak to the fullest extent of his ability. While on the other hand, a small congregation can reduce some preachers' morale to a very low ebb. But I believe Jesus was just as sincere, just as inspired when He spoke to the woman at the well as He was when the multitude heard Him gladly.

Inspiration ought not to be determined by number, nor controlled by a crowd, but rather by the fact that a man believes what he speaks to be the truth.

The existence of sin moved God to destroy a city. However, God decided if He could find just ten righteous persons He would spare the entire city for the sake of only ten. The minority was of tremendous importance. Think of it. One of our very small country churches, with only ten good members, could have saved Sodom! Because ten God-fearing citizens could not be found in Sodom, the city is no more.—Manuel F. Campbell.

MARIETTA, Ga.—We have recently had a revival conducted by Rev. A. W. Harper, of La Grange. The Lord really did bless, and the power of God was present in every service. Eight were saved, seven sanctified, and eleven filled with the Holy Ghost. We certainly praise the Lord for the good revival and the determination our church has to go forward for the Lord. We also thank the Lord for our good pastor, Rev. B. D. Gore, and his cooperative family.—Dan C. King, Clerk.

WAPANUCKA, Okla.—We have just had a four weeks' revival, which was

the greatest since this church was set in order three years ago. The revival was conducted by Rev. Orville Childress. Every service was honored by the presence and power of God. Seventeen were saved, nine sanctified, ten filled with the Holy Ghost, and nine added to the church. We thank the Lord for Brother Childress and the good work he has done here.—Sadie Macon, Clerk.

SAVANNAH, Ga.—We have just had a very successful revival, which was conducted by Rev. Mrs. Mae Terry, of Cummings, Ga. Twenty-three were saved, twenty-one filled with the Holy Ghost, and twenty-two added to the church. Our church is really making progress since moving into our new location. We have an auditorium 50x50 feet, and this is crowded on Sunday nights. Our membership has increased from fifty-nine to 125. We have just completed new pews for the church, at a cost of approximately \$1,000. We are thankful to God and to all who have prayed for us here.—P. H. Hammond, Pastor.

ST. LOUIS, Mo.—The Mississippi Avenue Church of God has just had a good revival, with Rev. and Mrs. Virgil J. Cobb, of Chillicothe, Mo., as evangelists. Ten were saved, five sanctified, three filled with the Holy Ghost, and two added to the church. Brother and Sister Cobb were greatly used of the Lord as the Holy Ghost worked through them in bringing many to the altar to seek God, also in healing services. The saints were greatly strengthened and built up in faith as they listened to the earnest preaching of this young evangelist.

The little church on Mississippi Avenue is moving along fine. When we came here in September, there were only eleven members enrolled; now we have eighteen members. The Sunday School has broken all past records of attendance and offerings. The attendance topped at 106. The Y.P.E. is making good progress. The church has already given \$9.50 per member for missions this year, besides the 5 per cent quota, and is over the top with all other quotas. We have just finished redecorating the inside of the church and classrooms, and expect to start painting the outside soon. We truly praise the Lord for the way He is blessing His people here.—John O. Yates, Pastor.

Our Boys and Girls . . .

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Orphanage Matron Retires



Mrs. Flora E. Golden

In the year of 1935, my husband went home to be with Jesus. Shortly after his death, Brother M. P. Cross asked about my coming to the Orphanage to work. I was very lonely and worried, as I had two small children to support and rear alone. After much prayer and fasting, I felt that it was the thing God would be pleased for me to do. I knew I had made the right decision for I felt the glory of God bubbling up in my soul until I had to shout it, and when I received the letter from the orphanage committee telling me to come, I received another good blessing. I surely felt God's approval upon my coming to the Orphanage to work.

In 1936, I came to work. Sister Eller gave me the job of sewing. I believe the first thing that I did was to make shirts for the boys; I hardly remember, but I know we were happy as we worked together—Sister Eller, Sister Ledford, and all the other employees. Sister Ledford would sew one day and I would cook dinner, and probably the next day I would sew, and she would cook; anyway, we all worked and had a good time together for awhile at the boys' home.

Later, we lost one of our matrons

at the girls' home, and then I had to leave them and take her place. The girls were wonderful to work with, and we could just see the great hand of God in everything. We prayed for more room, as we were so crowded, and God gave us the large dormitory where part of the girls now live, on Peoples Street. The Committee and the manager bought the home site on South Lee Highway, where our beautiful home now stands. Then, because of illness, I had to go back home to Memphis; but I did not stop praying. In 1945, we returned to the Orphanage and found that the Lord had prospered the Church of God Orphanage in a marvelous way. Now we have another home for boys, the Benton Pike home, and a new home for the girls, on Montgomery Avenue.

My dear brothers and sisters, through your help and cooperation, your children and our children have a nice place to live, plenty to eat, and clothes to wear, and you, every man, woman, and child that gave to help make it possible for the little orphan children to have these good places to live, will receive a great reward, for you are not only suffering these little ones to come unto Jesus, but you are helping them come unto Him by making it possible for them to live where they will be trained in the way they should go.

We teach our children to read the Bible, pray, and serve God. Many have become of age and left the Orphanage, and most of them are living good Christian lives; some are musicians, some ministers' wives, and some faithful church members. Thank God for homes that you can provide through your great love for God and humanity.

Now I must go. I have served quite some time here to try to do my best for your children. I have enjoyed working with the girls and helping care for them, but I must rest awhile, as I am getting older and this old

clay just will not last forever. May God bless you every one, our good superintendent, Brother Wm. Dych, the committee and their families, also the matrons, managers, and everyone that is connected with this work. My son Charles Graham is the maintenance man, and I hope he will stay and do everything he can until God says it is enough.

Now I'll say good-bye for awhile, and if I don't see you any more in this world, it will be good morning God. Now over in glory land. Much love to all. Your Sister in Christ, Flora E. Golden.

Sister Golden, during her stay at the Orphanage, has rendered invaluable service. I know that many here in Cleveland, as well as those on the field, will regret to learn that because of Sister Golden's physical condition she is unable to continue in the work that has been upon her heart these many years.

The entire staff at the Orphanage wishes her every success as she retires and re-enters the evangelistic field part time.

Sister Golden has had a very active ministry, and I feel sure her ministry will bless your church. She will make her home with a daughter, and you may contact her as follows: Mrs. Flora E. Golden, 4080 Quincy Street, St. Louis, Missouri.—Wm. F. Dych, Superintendent.

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denly, He may find you unprepared, and then it will be too late.

I can almost hear the scoffing and sneering of many atheists, agnostics, and other unsaved as they say, "Oh, we have heard that bunk preached for the past sixty or seventy years by religious fanatics, and no Christ has come yet." This is all true enough, I grant, except they were not "religious fanatics"; they were intensely sincere Christians who misunderstood the fulfillings of the prophecies up to that time. What had happened up until then was the beginning of sorrows, as we learn in Matt. 24:8.

Well do I remember, when only fifteen years old, hearing my grandfather, J. J. Smith (who had been a minister of the Baptist Church for forty years in Ohio and Alabama, then changed to the Second Adventist Church and preached the second coming of Christ the rest of his life

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PRAYER—A VACCINE AGAINST SPIRITUAL DECADENCE

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Think of Daniel, a perfect living man. Satan could not appeal to him in the physical side, for he had already proved by his abstemious living that he would not allow his body to till God subject him. And neither could he succeed in tempting him on the intellectual level, for here was a soul that was completely trusting in His word. No wavering here. He knew whom he believed and was persuaded that He was able to keep. So what did Satan decide to do. He decided to stay also his best to withhold God's answer to prayer and see if this wouldn't break his spirit. The struggle was long; on the fact, physically, Daniel was completely exhausted, for he said, "There remained no more strength in me; for the wretchedness was turned into corruption, and I retained no strength." But the answer came. An angel came and touched him, and Daniel was able to rise to his feet and receive the answer to his prayer. Let me repeat the text again, "The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man calleth much."

John Welch would rise from his bed in the cold of night, throw about him plaid, and wrestle with strong crying for those who were resisting the truth. May a crescendo of prayers rise from out of our midst in continued volumes of sweet incense to the nostrils of God for the salvation of multitudes!

PREPARE TO MEET THY GOD

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While he was able, in Arkansas, to preach, from the pulpit that Christ was coming soon, and that he believed he would live to see Him. That was at a time when that kind of preaching wasn't very popular. I am sure he was not a "religious fanatic," but was a most sincere Christian. Were he living today, he would have more company, as there are many more people believing Christ is coming soon, and many more ministers of different denominations are preaching that we are living in the last days before Jesus comes, and there are not near enough of them preaching it.

I have only touched on a few scriptures on Jesus' second coming, but I believe sufficient scriptures have been given to convince the most

critical "doubting Thomas" that there isn't much time left to "prepare to meet thy God."

In conclusion, I offer, as proof in support of some of my statements and of scriptures quoted, some excerpts from articles and reports I have read the past year. First, I want to quote J. Edgar Hoover, probably the best posted man in the Nation on crime. In an F. B. I. report for 1947 he said, "This country is in deadly peril. A creeping rot of moral disintegration is eating into our nation. The arrests of teen-age boys and girls are staggering, and some of the crimes youngsters commit are almost unspeakable." From an article on the "Evils of Booze and Tobacco," I give the following excerpts: "The U.S.A. is classed as the most lawless nation in the world. Murder, crime, and juvenile delinquency has a record unequalled anywhere. This huge army of criminals is being reinforced daily by an alarming number of juvenile delinquents. There are more than 437,000 saloons in the United States, or eleven saloons for every five churches, and ever second person arrested for drunkenness was a female. American boozers drank two billion gallons of intoxicating beverages. The cigarette smokers are crowding close on the heels of the booze imbibers, with females paying half the cigarette tax bill. There are more barmaids than college girls. There are three times as many criminals as college students, and seventeen-year-olds—boys and girls—are the largest group of criminals. There are 100,000 girls entering white slavery each year, and a million babies are born out of wedlock." The following excerpts are from a report from over 60,000 churches for 1947. There were twenty-seven million youths under twenty-one years old that received no religious instruction; 13,400,000 children under twelve years of age were without any religious training; only 28 percent of our people attend any church, and seventy million profess no kind of religious belief. What a sad commentary on our churches! I wonder if the above facts and figures could possibly be connected in any way with the fulfillment of Bible prophecies? Yes, Jesus is coming to put an end to the awful wickedness, debauchery and crime wave that is sweeping around the world. To the tens of millions of unsaved teenagers, young people, middle-aged and oldsters, as one who has traveled a long way since being converted to the Christian faith sixty years ago, I beseech and implore you, with all the power God has given me, to "prepare to meet thy God."

EDITOR'S NOTE: Brother Burnside is a seventy-six-year-old retired schoolteacher. This article shows that we have laymen who are well informed Biblically, as well as on current news.

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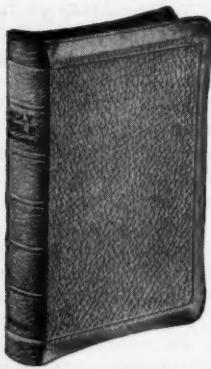
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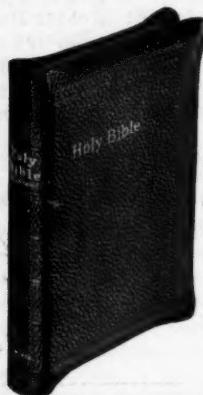
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¶ It came to pass after many days, at the word of the LORD came to him in the third year, saying, Go now unto Ahab; and it was so.

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